

A PRACTICAL SERMON TO TUCUMCARI BUSINESS MEN

THEME:

Loyalty To Tucumcari a God-Given Duty

A brief report of the sermon Delivered last Sunday night
by Rev. Warner DuBose:

"It may seem strange that I have chosen such a theme tonight, but I believe our religion is a practical one and one that will meet every phase of life. If it does not do this it can not be a true religion. But thanks be unto God, He has given to us such clear rules in His word, that we can always find some direction for every step that we must take on life's journey.

"The text to which I wish to call your attention tonight, is found in Luke, the 19th chapter, from the 41st verse through the 44th. It speaks of Jesus weeping as He approached Jerusalem, because He saw with prophetic eye, the sufferings of His people in the future. This statement is a significant one, as the record of Christ's life mentions his weeping on only one other occasion. Not only does this fact illustrate Jesus' intense loyalty to His people, but His whole life shows this. He came as the Messiah of the Jews, the one watched for so long by the members of the House of Israel. Christ's message was for the Jews first, and then the Gentiles. Never by any act did He injure His nation. He gave His life to uplift the world and save it from sin.

"We acknowledge that whatever Jesus did was right; that His life is the ideal one to live. Therefore if He was loyal to His nation and to Jerusalem the city of His people, so ought we to be loyal to our country and to our little city.

"If we are to be loyal citizens, there are two duties which we must perform: First, Things to be promoted in our city and county. Second, Things to be destroyed in our community.

"We must not forget my friends, that a business man is called by God to undertake his business, a professional man his profession, just as a minister is called to enter the ministry. We are all God's workmen, 'soldiers of the common good.' The good book says, 'Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with all thy might.' No man can be a good Christian who is unfaithful in his business.

"Can a business succeed in these times without advertising? No! Can a town succeed without advertising? No! Citizens of Tucumcari, we could double our business here, if we pushed the interests of the town as a whole, as we do our own private interests. We sin by not doing everything for our city

and country that we can. Do not sit down and wait for people to come here, get out and make them come.

"Further, we owe it as a duty to the world to let others know of Tucumcari and Quay county. We have a farming country almost wonderful in its production of varied plants; a city unsurpassed in business and professional opportunities; a climate which the word 'ideal' scarce describes: a land of health, wealth and happiness. It is rank selfishness on our part, not to share with others our blessings.

"Jesus Christ, the loyal citizen, has commanded us, 'Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you, even so do ye also unto them.'

In a great many homes I visit, I find catalogues of business firms which are in other parts of the country. My friends, suppose you were a business man in this town, would you like for people to be buying from stores in other towns? No! Apply then the medicine to your own selves. 'Do unto others,' etc. The business men of our city are helping in every way they can to make this a good town. The brunt of giving to charity and public enterprises falls upon them. They deserve every bit of local support that can be given them. Buy everything you can at home.

"Our Lord has said 'Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness and all these other things will be added unto you.' The most important thing in building up a city is its moral atmosphere. Unless we have a good moral town all other things are useless to do; for our city instead of being a blessing to humanity, will be a blot upon the face of our fair land. The man who does not strive to live the best life he can, is a traitor to his city, to his people and to his God. He helps to degrade his city instead of uplifting it.

"These now are the things that ought to be done. Let us discuss the things that ought to be destroyed.

"There is a spirit of ungodly rivalry in our town. Business men, professional men, and even our ladies knocking each other. My friends, a city never succeeds on hard knocks being given. There is no brotherly love in it. The devil is the only one who reaps any benefit from it. This course of

action must be stopped. We are men and women; we are not children to quarrel and throw mud. Let us forgive and forget our mutual wrongs, and all work for the common good of Tucumcari.

"My friends, in the past our city has made a reputation for law-breaking, which is not a very pleasant one to listen to. During my recent visit thro' the Territory, this reputation was brought up, almost every time the name of our city was mentioned. As a citizen of our city I did not enjoy this very much, and tried to defend us all I could. But there is a good deal of truth in this reputation, though I am glad to feel that we are improving in this respect. If we are to be true, loyal citizens we must condemn all lawlessness. A man who breaks any law of his land is a criminal, whether his crime is great or small, and ought to be treated as such.

"With all lawlessness, we must class a great many evils in our city; evils which are destroying our young men and women. These matters are not to be ignored, they must be destroyed. But we ought to remember in dealing with such cases that a man is just as guilty

as a woman; and if a woman is ostracized by society, so ought the contemptible, cowardly men who create such a class.

"If we, as citizens, deal with all the problems that come before us, wisely and well we will succeed. But remember that success demands a united front, heart and mind. We must merge our interests into the interests of our city, and be willing to make some self-sacrifice for the common good.

"I have great faith in Tucumcari. I believe our city will be one of the best towns in the southwest. The only need is for true and loyal citizenship, and I believe we have such men and women in our city."

Homestead Entry No 8064

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, Land Office at Clayton, N. M., Sept. 16, 1907.

Notice is hereby given that James A. Wright, of Tucumcari, N. M. has filed his intention to make final commutation proof in support of his claim, viz, homestead Entry No 8064, made April 13, 1906, for the sec 34, sw 4, Sec 15, Twp 11n, Range 30e and that said proof will be made before Theo W. Homan, U. S. Com., at his office in Tucumcari, N. M. on November 4, 1907.

He names the following witnesses to prove his continuous residence upon, and cultivation of the land, viz,

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